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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

ULRICH

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For: **IMIDAZOPYRIDINE-DERIVATIVES AS INDUCTIBLE NO-SYNTASE  
INHIBITORS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-8, 10 and 13-14 and cancel claims 9 and 11-12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in